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ATTN: [] Chief of Staff, Mission
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INFO: COS/C

- : Operational/PROJ/LCI/PROJ/AERODYNAMIC/AIRCARTAGE
- : Administrative Handling of Projects AERODYNAMIC and AIRCARTAGE

Reference: DDAM-29965 dated 10 December 1957

Action Required: See Paragraph 4.

1. Reference dispatch points up the fact that Headquarters has neglected to inform the field concerning certain changes in the administration of Projects AERODYNAMIC and AIRCARTAGE. We realize that problems of Headquarters project administration are not normally of vital concern to the field case officer, but the inter-relationships of the several aspects of these projects are such as to require somewhat special solutions, and we believe, therefore, that it would be well for HQ to be apprised of the action taken by Headquarters in this regard.

2. As you are aware, the long-established dealings with the ARCADIAWARY nationality complex have been intended to serve a number of KIRAK goals and objectives, i.e.; KUTUK (mainly, although not exclusively, through KIRAK missions); ENGAGE, and CART. At one period there existed a full-scale Section in an Area Branch working on the administration of these various missions with the ARCADIAWARY. Later it was decided that the Section should be broken up and that the several aspects of the projects should be parceled out to the branches and staffs having functional authority for them. This system, however, has not worked out satisfactorily in practice since it put the ARCADIAWARY in the position of dealing with different case officers for their particular special problems and the coordination among the staff elements was not sufficient to permit such an arrangement to function properly.

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3. We are now making an effort to achieve a more integrated approach to the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ project and have accordingly entered the distribution in a single brief under a single case officer, namely [REDACTED]. However, since there continues to be a ~~BLACK~~ Interest, in this group and since certain ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ activities are either in progress or in the planning stage, these activities will continue as ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ to be under the supervision of ~~ASSESS~~ and will be handled by ~~ASSESS~~ case officer working in closest coordination with the project case officer. This, we feel, is the optimum solution for the present.

4. As reflected in previous correspondence, the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ project is currently intended primarily to serve Indian units, and the ability to the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ offices covers the cost of a number of activities in this field. We are submitting a project proposal for FY 1979 for approximately the same amount as we are spending in the current year. Unfortunately, the figure is considerably under the budget figure actually approved for FY 1978. However, the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ project has expired on 1 December 1977. It is generally agreed that the ~~CASE~~ objectives originally planned under this project have not been realized and it is therefore considered undue to continue the project in its present form. We believe that it will be more logical and more appropriate to cover all contemplated expenses for the continuing ~~CASE~~ function of this under a special section or by an addendum to the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ project. This is in accordance with similar practices for other projects of a related nature and we see no possibility of any adverse effect on ~~KGB~~ ~~CASE~~ operations involving this group. We would, however, appreciate your early comments and would particularly like to have an explanation of your decision with respect to the finalization of specific nature of liaison to ~~ASSESS~~.

5. With regard to the matter raised in paragraph 2 b of reference, during one of the full-scale meetings with ~~ASSESSMENT~~ 2 and 3, one of the case officers present mentioned the survival of the two ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ in Turkey, basing on the report that these might eventually be the two who were with ~~ASSESSMENT~~ 1 when word was received from him that he was going to the West. In retrospect, it seems at best doubtful that this subject should have been raised at that time. In any event, the fact that it had been discussed at all with ~~ASSESSMENT~~ 3 should of course have been communicated to ~~ASSESS~~ in order to minimize the problem mentioned in reference. We hope in the future to ensure that any matters discussed with the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ which could possibly bear on the ~~KGB~~ operation will be reported promptly to the field either by cable or telephone. In addition, we will attempt to keep you informed on a continuing basis concerning the progress of the ~~ASSESSMENT~~ liaison operation.

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